

# Assistance Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015

**Quarter Total**                \$ 11,664.23  
**To Date Total**                \$545,142.79

<b><u>Area of Operation</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>To Date</u></b>
Thailand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laos	\$15,224.20	\$7,787.00	\$9,250.00	\$0.00	\$32,261.20
Medical	\$190.96	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$255.96
Student Aid - Thailand	\$3,805.38	\$596.60	\$2414.23	\$0.00	\$6,816.21
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$19,220.54</b>	<b>\$8,448.60</b>	<b>\$11,664.23</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$39,333.37</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$525,029.96</b>	<b>\$533,478.56</b>	<b>\$545,142.79</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$545,142.79</b>

## **Motions and Actions 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015**

15-20 Approved  
15-21 Approved  
15-22 Approved  
15-23 Approved  
15-24 Approved  
15-25 Approved  
15-26 Approved  
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**Motion details are listed in the following pages:**

Respectfully submitted,  
Les Thompson  
Chairman TLCB Assistance Committee  
25 October 2015

Motion 15-20 Student Assistance Program

Budget Amount = \$443.00

Actual Amount = \$463.49

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 15,000 baht (17,000 - 2,000 overage from June, see details below) be approved for our continuing student assistance for July 2015.

High School Students @ 1,000thb/month

Name

- 1) Dararat Promarrak
- 2) Gingan Bongchompoh
- 3) Wipada Phetsuwan
- 4) Matchima Khanda
- 5) Suphachai Sumart
- 6) Thanyanat Sana
- 7) Thamonwan Thungnathad
- 8) Nuchanat Niwongsa
- 9) Nittaya Manasen
- 10) Achiraya Thiauthit
- 11) Nantawee Chanapoch
- 12) Suchada Wangthaphan
- 13) Juthathip Siriwong
- 14) Sawini Manaonok
- 15) Butsayamat Thanoi
- 16) Onauma Khamchana
- 17) Natsupha Pholman

Removed:

Prakagao Onghom (moved to Chonburi and lost contact)

Weeraya Sehanam (quit school)

Worapat Wongphon (quit school)

Added:

Juthathip Siriwong, was listed in August roster as Grade 11, "Graduate". Actually currently in Grade 12.

Total: 17 students x 1000 thb = 17,000 thb

Exchange Rate on 11 July 2015 is 33.9THB per 1USD

Motion 15-21 Student Assistance Program

Budget Amount = \$800.00

Actual Amount = \$829.37

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 28,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for August 2015 and that high school graduate, Pongpat Boridon, continue at the high school assistance level while attending vocational school.

High School/Vocational Students @ 1,000thb/month

Name

- 1) Dararat Promarrak
- 2) Gingan Bongchompoh
- 3) Wipada Phetsuwan
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- 14) Sawini Manaonok
- 15) Butsayamat Thanoi
- 16) Onauma Khamchana
- 17) Natsupha Pholman
- 18) Pongpat Boridon

Total 18,000thb

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

Name

- 1) Wathinee Srisawat
- 2) Cholapin Chittaboot
- 3) Suwanan Niwongsa
- 4) Kulthida Wongsri
- 5) Kiatsuda Deejan

Total 10,000thb

Total: 28,000thb

Exchange Rate on 05 August 2015 is 35.0THB per 1USD

Motion 15-22 Hmong Promotion Expense

Budget Amount = \$150.00

Actual Amount = \$150.00

**PROPOSAL:** Request for an allocation of up to \$150 to cover costs associated with presentations to two Hmong groups in the U.S.

**BACKGROUND:** I have been invited to participate in a panel at two meetings of Hmong in the U.S. in August 2015. Purpose of the two events is to review, for the Hmong, the history of their migration to the U.S. starting in 1975, the events that participated their exodus from Laos, their situation in the refugee camps in Thailand, and the process that led to approval of their movement to the U.S. Further, there will be some discussion of life for those Hmong presently in Laos.

The other participants in the panel will be a Thai gentleman who was involved at Long Tieng in development work in 1974-'75, then with the Hmong leadership after they arrived in Thailand. He has continued this involvement with U.S. Hmong for the last 40 years. A Hmong panel participant, who resettled in Missoula in 1976, was a SKY employee in Laos, then involved with us in Udorn with the initial processing of the Hmong caseload. Then there's Lionel Rosenblatt, who hopefully will be able to attend both events, health permitting. Lionel was the person who in late 1975, focused the State Department on the issue of remaining refugees in Thailand, and the need for a continuation of U.S. refugee admissions following the close down of the U.S. Vietnamese refugee camps. Lionel later became the Refugee Coordinator for Thailand, and I became his deputy.

Details for the events still need to be finalized, but in the meantime:

The organizer of the Fresno program has said: "... we may be leaning towards Fresno State or Fresno City College and make it an Academic Venue where we invite folks from Education and History departments to join us for this historic discussion." Event will be sometime on 21-22 August.

The St Paul, MN program will be held at Concordia University, hosted by the director of the Center for Hmong Studies. Event will be sometime on 28-29 August.

For expenses, I anticipate getting additional Long Tieng panorama banners for both events, plus the Lao version of the TLCB banner we use upcountry. There will also be some expenses for multimedia items for handouts. Gerry Fraizer is sending a batch of the current TLCB brochure. There may be other items not yet thought of.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That \$150 be approved.

Motion 15-23 Student Assistance Program

Budget Amount = \$787.00

Actual Amount = \$829.37

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High School/Vocational Students @ 1,000thb/month

Name

- 1) Dararat Promarrak
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  - 16) Onauma Khamchana
  - 17) Natsupha Pholman
  - 18) Pongpat Boridon
- Total 18,000thb

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

Name

- 1) Wathinee Srisawat
  - 2) Cholapin Chittaboot
  - 3) Suwanan Niwongsa
  - 4) Kulthida Wongsri
  - 5) Kiatsuda Deejan
- Total 10,000thb

Total: 28,000thb

Exchange Rate on 26 August 2015 is 35.6THB per 1USD

Motion 15-24 Laos Quality of Life Program

Budget Amount = \$9,520

Actual Amount = \$9,520

Proposed: That the TLCB approve \$4,420 for a new school building at Ban Nong, Khet Phan, Paek District, Xieng Khouang Province.

Background: This school received some \$2,700 from the TLCB for furniture earlier in 2015, Motion 15-08.

The Provincial Education Service provides the following information:

“At present, the school is unable to accommodate the number of students in the community. The school has two buildings. Building # 1, a permanent structure has three rooms. Materials were provided by Korean Aid and the community provided wood for the roof structure.

“Building #2, built in 1989, has two rooms of semi-permanent soft wood structure with tin roofing but no flooring. This building was lifted by wind storms twice and moved some 10 or 15 meters from its original location. It sits on a flat area open to the winds.

“The community wants to build a new semi-permanent structure with pre-formed, re-enforced cement columns, tin roofing, wood siding, cement floors for three rooms, size 24x7.5 m with corridor. The community will provide the wood needed and the labor. The community requests help to buy re-bar, cement, tin, and nails.

“Thus, the Province PES in collaboration with the Paek District DES submits this Proposal to the TLCB for funds to buy the needed materials to build a new school building at Ban Nong. This community was formed by villagers who moved from different locations including some Hmong who were repatriated to Lao from Thailand after the War. Most inhabitants are rice farmers. None have any business interests except for produce that they may be able to sell at the market.

“In the past, the community has joined together to contribute to making school repairs themselves and to buying some teaching and learning materials for their children.”

A site visit was made to this school on 9 June 2015 to confirm receipt of the TLCB funded furniture. At this time the school staff showed us the really rundown building they want to replace. I agreed, it needs replacement and suggested they submit a request for consideration by the TLCB. Note: The villager contribution of wood for the project is important as this is a major local cost.

Recommendation: That the TLCB approved this request for \$4,420.

Proposed: That the TLCB fund \$3,150 for floors at the Ban Nam Chak Primary School, Khet Bounthin, Muang Kham, Xieng Khouang Province

Background: The Provincial Education Service provides the following information:

“The Nam Chak Primary School in Muang Kham is located in hill country 89 km northeast of Phonsavanh city on Route 6 between Xieng Khouang and Houa Phan.

“This community has 126 families who are all of Hmong ethnicity. The area is poor and is made up of people who have migrated there from various places who make their livelihood from whatever they may find.

Motion 15-24 Laos Quality of Life Program (cont'd)

“The Primary School has three buildings of semi-permanent wood construction and tin roofing but without floors, built by the community in 2003. There are 11 teachers of whom four are women with 256 students, all Hmong, of whom 113 are girls.

“At present, the school has a big problem due to having no floors. Every year in the dry season, the classrooms are full of dust and dirt rising from the bare floors. Then in the wet season the floors become damp due to the porous dirt floors.

“Thus, the parents and teachers are making a request of donor organizations including the TLCB for help to buy cement, gravel and sand to lay cement floors in the three buildings each of which measures 30 x 8 m. including the corridor. The community will provide the labor to do this work. Funding for such a project is beyond the capability of the community as the villagers can hardly support themselves as it is. Some families do not even have enough food to eat. And parents are unable to buy the supplies needed by their children in school. Their's is a dire economic situation overall.”

Recommendation: That the TLCB approve this request for \$3,150.

Proposal: That the TLCB approve funding of \$1,950 for a toilet at the NaFa Primary School, Paek District, Xieng Khouang

Background: This school previously received TLCB funding of \$2,300 for a new roof, Motion 15-14

The Provincial Education Service provides the following information:

“At present, there is a two-place toilet located some distance from the school which was built with funds from the World Bank. However, this toilet is inconvenient for the students to reach during school time. Further, it is in the middle of a planned roadway to be built soon. But this toilet was built near a grave where a villager was buried in the past and is thus a place the children are afraid to go near.

“Thus, the community and the teachers are making this request of the TLCB for funds to build a toilet for students closer to the school building.

“The community will provide labor to build the toilet. Previously, villagers have contributed to build a community water source with a large tank on a tower and piping to bring water into the tank and a place to access water below the tank.

“The community has also raised funds to build a kitchen for the secondary school. The villagers are by and large rice farmers and gardeners. Some earn extra money as blacksmiths making machetes and knives.”

Note: A site visit was made on 10 June 2015 to check out the TLCB funded replacement tin roof. In addition, utilization was made to the existing squatter, which, indeed, is a distance from the school building, and on a slippery slope during the wet season. Replacement with a facility closer to the school is justified.

Recommendation: That the requested \$1,950 be approved.

Motion 15-25 Laos Expense

Budget Amount = \$1,300.00

Actual Amount = \$1,300.00

Request for a non-Assistance allocation of \$1,300 for transportation and other expenses for an inspection trip to NE Laos. Travel is to Xaysomboun and Xieng Khouang, schedule is for 9-14 November 2015, will be renting a 4-door 4WD vehicle from AVR again.

-- Visits are to Anouvong (new name for Xaysomboun town), Long Tieng, and three projects covered by Motion 15-24 in Xieng Khouang Province:

- \$4,420 for a new school building at Ban Nong, Khet Phan, Paek District
- \$1,950 for a toilet at the NaFa Primary School, Paek District
- \$3,150 for floors of three buildings at the Ban Nam Chak Primary School, Khet Bounthin, Muang Kham District (Ban Ban area).

Note: This request includes funds for:

- vehicle rental and diesel
- additional TLCB bumper stickers and small stickers
- photo processing for school visits, and villager work
- per diem for school officials who travel from their office to school sites. This is a normal NGO practice, usually about kip 100,000 a day, about \$12.50
- diesel for Lao official's pickup use if visiting a school site

Motion 15-26 Student Assistance Program

Budget Amount = \$275.00

Actual Amount = \$292.00

Note: Amount amended to 10,000thb due to high school not being in session.

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- 14) Sawini Manaonok
- 15) Butsayamat Thanoi
- 16) Onauma Khamchana
- 17) Natsupha Pholman
- 18) Pongpat Boridon (vocational School)

Total 18,000thb

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

Name

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- 3) Suwanan Niwongsa
- 4) Kulthida Wongsri
- 5) Kiatsuda Deejan

Total 10,000thb

Total: 28,000thb

Exchange Rate on 02 October 2015 is 36.4THB per 1USD